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12-year hunt ends...

'Mari Veerappan' trapped in train

Officers whisk away 'Shikari' Govinda alias 'Mari Veerappan' from the Chamarajapuram Railway Station in Mysuru after his arrest last night.

- Notorious tiger poacher 'Shikari' Govinda arrested
- He was arrested multiple times, but got bail, went underground and continued his life of crime
- Wanted in 2 murders, 3 tiger killings, Rs. 2.5 cr. robbery

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&BCT)- In a dramatic operation inside a Chamarajanagar-bound train in Mysuru last night, Forest Department sleuths arrested notorious poacher Muniswamy alias 'Shikari' Govinda (32), ending a relentless 12-year pursuit.

Nicknamed "Mari Veerappan," 'Shikari' Govinda is accused of several serious wildlife crimes and is wanted in three tiger killings over the last five to six years, apart from multiple wildlife crime cases.

In October 2025, a male tiger was found killed and dismembered into three pieces near Pachchedoddi village in Hanur buffer zone of Male Mahadeshwara (MM) Hills Wildlife Sanctuary.

Govinda was the prime accused in the case and had been absconding, though five other accused were arrested.

(See TRAPPED on page 6)

Survey ordered to clear KRS backwater encroachments

Pandavapura Asst. Commissioner-led Committee to take up task soon

Mandya, Jan. 8 (BCT)- A Committee headed by the Assistant Commissioner of Pandavapura Sub-Division in Mandya district will soon begin a survey to identify and clear encroachments in the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) backwater region.

Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara, who chaired a meeting of the Committee in Mandya on Jan. 6, directed officials to initiate necessary measures to protect the backwaters from encroachment.

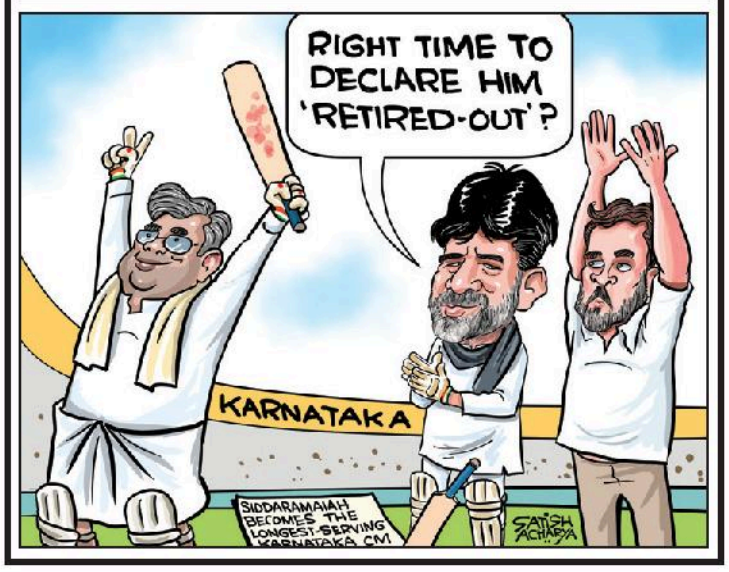
The KRS Dam is one of Karnataka's most vital water resources, supplying drinking water to Mysuru and Mandya districts, supporting agriculture and generating electricity.

Concerned over the increasing instances of encroachment in the backwater areas, Srirangapatna MLA A.B. Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda and Mandya MLC Dinesh Gooligowda had jointly submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio.

(See KRS on page 7)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 8th January 2026

Chatti Shariff and Qawwali programme tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (KS) - The devotees of Aashiqane Khwaja Garib-un-Nawaz at Bada Makan, near Tipu Circle, have organised Chatti Shariff as part of 814th Annual Sandal Urus Shariff of Hazarath Khwaja Garib-un-Nawaz, Ajmer Shariff, Rajasthan, on Jan. 9.

The programme will be held tomorrow evening under the Chairmanship of Hazarath Syed Sha Altaf Peeran Shatarie, Sajjad Nasheen of Darga (Shrine) Hazarath Syed Dastagir at Darga premises in Bada Makan.

The Mehfil programme will begin after Maghrib Salath (7 pm). Fatha Khawni and Darud Salam, Dua (supplications) will be performed. After Isha Salath (Night prayer) Mehfil Sama Khawni (Qawwali) will be presented by famous Qawwal Syed Saleem Chishti and troupe, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHEN PRIDE TIPS THE BALANCE: *During summer vacations, visiting a few of our relatives' places was mandatory. The routine trip included the house of one of our uncles who was prosperous but wasn't among our likeable ones, as his biting remarks would hurt people. He owned a majestic house nestled between sprawling gardens on either side, where he hosted several celebrities. During his heyday, his home was abuzz with servants who kept it spotless. Dogs guarding the gates as well as indoors posed challenges to anyone visiting.*

Our visits became mere formalities and we kept them short. As children, we never spoke and were not allowed to interact much.

After his retirement, the number of visitors reduced. Within a year, the house bore a desolate look with not much greenery around. His arrogance and his habit of belittling others were never subdued. His pride kept many relatives and colleagues at bay. When he passed away, few came to pay the honours. Arrogance is like a strong perfume. When you use too much, people walk away.

There was once a farmer who went to the town every week to sell butter. The butter balls, usually weighing a kilo, were sold to a known trader, who in return gave him sugar, flour and some essential groceries for the due amount. One week, the trader found the size of the butterball was smaller than the earlier ones. He wanted to weigh and check. He became furious when he found that the butter was less than a kilo in weight. He decided to stop doing business with the farmer henceforth and informed all his men to not interact with him.

The following week, the farmer was promptly stopped by the trader at the main square, saying he was a cheat. He announced that the butter weighed only 900 grams instead of a kilo. He informed the townspeople to avoid dealing with the farmer, as he didn't practise fair trade. The farmer pleaded and said that he was poor and didn't have money to buy several weights and measures.

Every week, his wife would weigh the butter by placing the one-kilo sugar packet received from the trader on the other side of the balance and set the butter accordingly. The trader was ashamed at his arrogance. In the words of Steve Jobs... "All of us need to be on guard against arrogance, which knocks at the door whenever you are successful." — *Priya Anand in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Stole phone to confirm bad luck prediction

Pattaya: Police in Pattaya, Thailand, recently arrested a 38-year-old fortune-teller after he stole a woman's smartphone while she was praying at a temple, so he could confirm his own prediction. The victim, a 19-year-old woman named Pim, reportedly took pitty on a shabbily dressed fortune teller offering his services outside a temple and stopped to learn her fortunes in the new year.

The fortune-teller, identified as 38-year-old Udomsap Mueangkaew, used a deck of cards to read the woman's fortune and warned her that she faced bad luck and lose a valuable item in the near future.

Pim soon realised that her iPhone had disappeared and made a scene that saw passers-by come to her aid. People started going through the fortune-teller's things and Pim's iPhone was found at the bottom of a face mask box.

Man's infidelity exposed in video

Milan: An Italian man is suing a restaurant after it featured him in a promotional TikTok video without his consent. The case is a bit more complicated than it seems, because the said video was seen by the man's wife and led to their marriage falling apart. The video was used as proof of his infidelity, so the man is now suing the restaurant for invasion of privacy.

Codacons, an Italian consumer protection association claims that the restaurant was clearly in the wrong and is seeking damages for its client. It is also considering filing a complaint with the Italian data protection authority.

"It is unacceptable for a restaurant to film its customers without clear consent and then broadcast the images, exposing people to unpredictable consequences," Francesco Tanasi, a spokesperson for Codacons, said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Sudden Inability to Pass Urine Needs Immediate Care

Acute urinary retention is uncomfortable but treatable. Early relief protects the bladder and kidneys from long-term damage.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology, Andrology & Transplant Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Devotional songs mark Day-3 of Chamundi Hill Kotharotsava

Bhagyashree from Chikkamagalur, along with Nishchal Jain and Shamanth, presenting devotional music at Chamundi Hill Temple premises last evening as part of 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' programme. They are accompanied by Athmaram on tabla, Sharath on keyboard and Arun Kumar on rhythm pad.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.56 feet**	Today's level **2,276.01 feet**	Today's level **2,828.52 feet**
Last year's level **124.31 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.61 feet**	Last year's level **2,835.31 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.58 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,276.02 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,828.41 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,175 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **504 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **297 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,285 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Shrimps are high in selenium, an antioxidant mineral that stimulates enzymes to combat cancer-causing free radicals and inhibit tumour growth.*
- *Shrimps are quite adept swimmers, which may be surprising considering that they do not have fins like fish. By flexing the muscles of their belly and tail, they may propel themselves swiftly. They, however, swim backwards due to their body structure. They can swim forward with their appendages under their tails, but this movement is slower than swimming backwards.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *How many feet in a yard?*

Tinu: *That depends on how many people are standing in the yard!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 89.83**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 120.86**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.46**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 104.92**

VOICE OF THE READER

Rampant traffic rule violations at signals

Sir,

Traffic violations are rampant across Mysuru. One can see many two-wheelers jumping signals at almost every junction throughout the day.

People also take a left turn and then make a U-turn to go straight when the signal is red, while some regularly use the wrong side of the divider at junctions.

The Traffic Police should use traffic signals more effectively to instil basic traffic sense among habitual violators. It is very easy to catch such offenders at traffic signals and impose regular fines.

Right-turn phases should be separated from straight and left green signals so that people begin to follow lane discipline. If a motorist wants to go straight but is standing in the right lane, he or she should be forced to take a right turn.

Similarly, those intending to turn right but standing in the centre or left lane should not be allowed to do so. This can be easily enforced through proper management of traffic lights.

Also, many people are unaware of the right-of-way at junctions without traffic signals. Everyone tries to move first, resulting in vehicles getting stuck in the middle of the junction. One should stop and allow vehicles coming from the right side to pass first.

If everyone followed traffic rules, there would be little need for traffic signals and all road users would reach their destinations faster.

—Ananda Kumar
V V Mohalla
31.12.2025

District Minister's family, VC institute endowment prizes at UoM

A.K. Sadana bags *Mysuru Mithra* Bellimahotsava Gold Medal in Journalism

K. Anusha

M. Tejas

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V.P. Hrithika

Merlin Albert

S.L. Sinchana

A.K. Sadana

Dr. Mahadevappa

Sunil Bose

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Prof. Lokanath

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK&BCT)- The family of Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has instituted four endowment prizes at the University of Mysore (UoM), including gold medals and cash awards for meritorious students across disciplines.

The endowments have been instituted in the names of Dr. Mahadevappa, his son Sunil Bose, and daughter-in-law M.K. Savitha, who also serves as the Registrar of the University of Mysore.

The awards were instituted in 2025. According to University norms, an endowment must be in place for at least one year so that the accrued interest can be distributed to students.

To ensure that students could receive the awards from this year's Convocation itself, the Minister's family paid the interest for the first year at the time of instituting the endowments, enabling the prizes to be awarded without delay.

The endowment prizes were presented to students during the recently held 106th Annual Convocation of Mysore University.

Among the recipients, K. Anusha received Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa Gold Medal for M.A. in Ambedkar Studies. M. Tejas of Maharaja's College was awarded Sunil Bose Cash Prize for B.A. while M. Suhas Naik received M.K. Savitha (KAS) Cash Prize for B.A. in Geography.

In the postgraduate category, V.P. Hrithika was awarded the M.K. Savitha (KAS) Cash Prize for M.Sc. Geography.

Meanwhile, Prof. N.K. Lokanath Vice-Chancellor Gold Medal was awarded to Merlin Albert for M.Sc. Physics and Savithramma & Krishnappa Gowda Neratur Gold Medal for B.Sc., instituted by the incumbent VC Prof. Lokanath this year in memory of his parents, was bagged by S.L. Sinchana.

A.K. Sadana received *Mysuru Mithra* Bellimahotsava Gold Medal for M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication. *Mysuru Mithra* Kannada daily is the sister publication of *Star of Mysore*.

Felicitation to Plant doctor

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&DM)- City-based Agricultural Scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura's two books — 'Plant Doctor' and 'Vasantha Vihara', will be released at 'Vasanthotsava' felicitation programme jointly organised by Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura Abhinandana Samithi and Vismaya Book House, Mysuru, at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus at 4 pm tomorrow (Jan.9).

Dr. Thimakapura

Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy will inaugurate the programme in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Kengeri Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Nishchalanandanatha Swamiji.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will release the book 'Vasantha Vihara,' while Prof. A.H. Rajasab, Chairman of Karnataka Science and Technology Academy, Bengaluru, will release 'Plant Doctor.'

University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraj and city's Nypunya School of Excellence Chairman Raghu Kautilya, will be the chief guests.

Govt. will find a permanent solution to end Mysore Varsity's woes: CM

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (BLU&DM)- A day after Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar aired concerns about dearth of funds in the over a century-old University of Mysore (UoM) during the Varsity's convocation on Monday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday assured that the Government would find a permanent solution for UoM's woes.

Speaking at MLC K. Shivakumar felicitation programme at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri here on Tuesday, Siddaramaiah held former Vice-Chancellors responsible for this sorry state of the University.

"UoM, which was one of the topmost Universities in the country not long ago, has now reached a situation where it is unable pay pensions to its retired employees. Coming to know of this, the Government released funds and more grants will be sanctioned soon. I am deeply disappointed that the University which I studied has reached this sorry state. Now, the Government will find a permanent solution for ending the Varsity's woes," he pointed out.

Senior citizens sensitised on cybercrime prevention

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (BCT)- As part of its monthly talk series, the Elder Citizens Council, Mysuru, recently organised an awareness talk at its premises in Jayalakshmipuram on cybercrime by Arunkumar, Lead and Mobilisation Coordinator of 'Vayoh Vikas,' an NGO led by Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan.

Using a power-point presentation and interactive session, he explained how cyber frauds operate through smartphones, methods to prevent them and steps to recover losses by promptly contacting the CEN helpline (1930) within one hour of the incident.

Arunkumar said most cybercrimes exploit fear, urgency or greed when victims receive calls from unknown numbers. He cautioned that fraudsters often induce panic or pressure victims into following instructions without verifying facts, resulting in substantial losses.

He also warned against investment and business scams that lure victims with promises of quick profits, as well as so-called "digital arrest" frauds that coerce victims into transferring large sums.

Arunkumar highlighted cases involving individuals and well-known firms that suffered losses and cited an instance where a fake bank branch operated for over a year. Stressing that many such crimes are preventable, he urged senior citizens to uninstall suspicious APK files that compromise privacy and banking security.

He also advised limiting the use of online payment apps and wallets linked to accounts with minimal balances, rather than primary salary or savings accounts.

The programme was presided over by Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju. Trust Chairman Gowdappa, Secretary K.S. Krishna, Prof. Javare Gowda, K.V. Ramanath, V.N. Achar, H.R. Sundareshan, D.K. Srinivasan, Shamma, Chidananda, T.V. Kamalesha, J.S. Girigowdar, K.V.K Naidu, Latha, Prabhuswamy, Srinivas, Dr. K.L. Mahadevappa, Kempalingaraju, S. Suresh, N. Swamigowda, R. Sankaramahadevan, B.V. Narasimham, Sannalinge Gowda, S.L. Nagaraje Urs, K.V. Shankara, S. Seenappa, T. Swarnakumar, S.V. Venkateshaiah and Dr. B. Gururaj attended.

NEWS BRIEFS

New Aadhaar Seva Kendra

The new Aadhaar Seva Kendra at Ch 34/2, 1st floor, Deeksha's Setty Mansion, above ICICI Bank, Seetha Vilas Road, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru, will be inaugurated by G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Deputy Commissioner and Manoj Kumar, Director, Karnataka, UIDAI Regional Office, Bengaluru, on Jan. 9 at 10.30 am, according to a press release from Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.), Centre Manager, Aadhaar Seva Kendra, Mysuru

Chutuku Kavigoshti

Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat and Bengaluru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat have jointly organised Sankranti Chutuku Kavigoshti at Keerthishesha Halluru Hanumanthappa Varamahalakshamma Smaraka Vedike on Vinaya Marga in Siddarthanagar on Sunday (Jan. 11) at 10 am. *Chutuku Yugacharya* Dr. MGR Urs will inaugurate. Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Rathna Halappagowda will preside. On the occasion, Dr. P.H. Raghavendra Shetty, senior social worker and doctor, will be felicitated marking his 80th birthday celebrations.

Daivajna Sri Mutt Seers in city

Sri Sachchidananda Jnaneshwara Bharati Mahaswamiji and Sri Sujnaneshwara Bharati Swamiji of Daivajna Sri Mutt will be arriving at Daivajna Bhavana on New Kantharaj Urs Road in Kuvempunagar on Jan 9 at 4 pm, according to a press release.

Domestic Care Attendant training

City's Jan Shikshan Sansthan, in association with the city's JSS Hospital, has organised a 6-week free skill training in Domestic Care Attendant/ Nursing Assistant, starting from Jan. 19. Candidates in the age group of 18 to 30 years with a minimum qualification of a pass in SSLC can register. For registration and more details, contact Mob: 94821-48271 or 94482-83827, according to a press release.

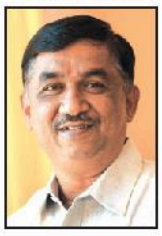
Ph.D awardee

K. Preetham has been awarded Ph.D in English by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Narrativizing the Ocean: A Study on the Select Novels of Amitav Ghosh and Abdulrazak Gurnah' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.H. Rudramuni.

Devaraj Urs 'Non-Stop CM', Siddaramaiah 'Breaking CM'

State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu Kautilya mocks Siddu's followers for rejoicing his feat as longest serving Chief Minister

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (PM&BS)- Even as the followers of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah are rejoicing the feat of their leader, for surpassing the record of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, to become the longest serving CM, State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya has called it a farce.



Raghu

In a post on his 'X' account, Raghu has hailed Devaraj Urs as 'Non-Stop CM', while berating Siddaramaiah as 'Breaking CM.'

Devaraj Urs, apart from serving the State as CM for a record term, was elected unopposed to the Assembly from Hunsur segment in 1962, setting an all-time record in the annals of democracy, remaining an undefeated leader, which remains unbeatable till date. Going by prevailing political conditions, nobody can ever imagine any other leader etching a record by being elected unanimously to the Assembly.

Siddaramaiah, who was the CM for a period of five years from 2013 to 2018, took a break for five years and became a CM again in 2023. Hence, Siddaramaiah, can never equal the record held by Urs, contended Raghu.

STANDING TALL: ***Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seen after inaugurating the 12 ft. tall black granite statue of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, on Nov. 3, 2025.***

Moreover, it was Congress party that stopped Urs from setting a record of longest serving CM, by expelling him from the party, thus finishing off his political career.

"Indira Gandhi, who had walked into oblivion after suffering a crushing defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, got her political rebirth, with Urs engineering her victory in Chikkamagalur by-elections to the Parliament, but Indira Gandhi wrote off the career of Devaraj Urs. This shows the stark difference between Indira Gandhi and Urs," recalled Raghu.

Had Urs not been expelled by Indira Gandhi from Congress party in the year 1979, the former who enjoyed unwavering support of the people, would have completed his second term in office and set a historical record of 10 years in CMO. If the Congress men and supporters of Siddaramaiah truly have a concern for AHINDA, they should not celebrate the occasion, but regret the fate wrought upon Devaraj Urs.

Though a native of Mysuru, Devaraj Urs renamed the State as 'Karnataka', setting yet another record.

Devaraj Urs, who embodies *swabhiman* (self-respect), in the State politics, never severed ties with his native Hunsur Assembly segment, till his last breath.

But Siddaramaiah contested from Badami (Assembly Constituency) and Koppal (Lok Sabha seat), showing his disbelief in his home turf, Chamundeshwari Constituency, where he had lost thrice in 1989, 1999 and 2018 Assembly polls.

To mention, Devaraj Urs coined several welfare programmes for the cause of AHINDA, while Siddaramaiah, who became a CM out of sheer luck, without any ounce of struggle to his credit, used the name AHINDA to peddle his political aspirations. Even 100 leaders like Siddaramaiah cannot match the contributions of Devaraj Urs, mocked Raghu.

"One's personality should be evaluated on the basis of his or her achievements, not through number games," said Raghu.

Police Constable ends life

Maddur, Jan. 8 (KS)- A Police Constable reportedly ended his life by hanging self to the ceiling fan at the rest room behind the Town Police Station on Tuesday night and the incident came to light when another Police Constable went to the rest room.

Ramesh

The deceased has been identified as Ramesh (35), who was posted on Court duty.

Deceased Ramesh's wife Pushpalatha, who has lodged a complaint at the Town Police Station, has alleged that Police Constable Mahesh used to harass her husband Ramesh both mentally and physically and fights had taken place many times between them. She has urged the authorities concerned to take legal action against Mahesh.

Constables Ramesh and Mahesh were serving at the Town Police Station and were residing in the Police Quarters near the Police Station, it is learnt.

A case has been registered at Maddur Police Station in this regard.

Obituary

N.K. Rangaswamy

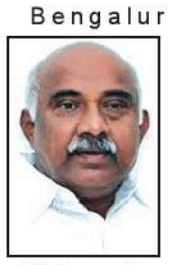
Nanjangud, Jan. 8- N.K. Rangaswamy (65), retired Health Department employee and a resident of Chamalapura Layout, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds on the banks of River Kapila this morning, according to family sources.

Siddaramaiah is in no way comparable with Devaraj Urs: MLC Vishwanath

Bengaluru, Jan. 8 (KMS&DM)- MLC A.H. Vishwanath said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is in no way comparable with former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, whose record Siddaramaiah broke as the longest serving Chief Minister of Karnataka.



Vishwanath

Speaking to presspersons after meeting Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at his Sadashivanagar residence here yesterday, Vishwanath termed Siddaramaiah's breaking of the record of D. Devaraj Urs as the biggest joke of the year 2026.

Asserting that Urs helped youths like him (Vishwanath) to grow up in politics, the MLC said perhaps there is no other leader who ridiculed Devaraj Urs and Indira Gandhi like Siddaramaiah. Now, the CM is talking positively about Urs, which is surprising, he noted.

Stating that Devaraj Urs gave an opportunity for backward classes to occupy top posts with the implementation of L.G. Havanur Commission Report, he charged Siddaramaiah of wasting time by ordering a survey of Backward Classes.

Asserting that it would be hilarious to compare Devaraj Urs with Siddaramaiah, he accused the CM of failing to nurture a second line of strong leadership in the State.

Reacting to the demand from some quarters on transfer of power to D.K. Shivakumar, the MLC said Siddaramaiah has no gratitude for anyone and is only interested in nurturing the political future of his son Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah.

He also charged the State Government of failing to maintain Law and Order and checking corruption in transfers, especially Police transfers and postings.

Mysuru at the Crossroads

Why citizen action and NGOs matter now more than ever

By Bhamy V. Shenoy and Ashvini Ranjan

As a new year begins, it is an appropriate moment for Mysureans to pause and reflect — not only on personal goals, but on the future of the city we call home.

The question before us is simple yet profound: **who will protect Mysuru if its own citizens do not step forward?**

A visit to India's major heritage and tourist cities such as Udaipur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Gwalior and Indore reveals an uncomfortable truth. Despite their grandeur, many of these cities struggle with congestion, pollution and unplanned growth. By comparison, Mysuru stands out as cleaner, greener and more livable…for now.

This livability of Mysuru is thanks largely to the farsighted urban planning of the Maharajas who ruled Mysuru and decades of civic discipline.

But an important question confronts us today — **for how long will this advantage last?**

Over the past two decades, Mysuru's population has grown. People from Bengaluru and other overcrowded cities are increasingly moving here in search of a better quality of life. This influx, however, has placed enormous stress on our infrastructure, water supply, sewage systems, roads, markets, parks, heritage buildings and lakes are all showing signs of strain.

Uncontrolled encroachment of Poornaiah Canal threatens the very survival of Kukkarahalli Lake. Traffic congestion is worsening. Commuting times are increasing. Chamundi Hill has crossed its carrying capacity.

Flyovers are being proposed without adequate sensitivity to heritage. These are not isolated problems, they are symptoms of unchecked, poorly planned urbanisation.

It is here that the role of civil society, especially NGOs, becomes crucial.

Thanks to sustained efforts by organisations such as **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP),** the rate of deterioration has at least been **slowed,** even if it has not been fully arrested.

MGP's contribution over the years demonstrates what informed, committed citizens can achieve.

Some of MGP's notable interventions include

- Development of a Smrithi Park around Laxmikantha Temple in Hebbal
- Saving Cheluvamba Park from an office-cum-residential complex
- Preventing the total extinction of People's Park
- Playing a key role in protecting lakes such as Kukkarahalli, Lingambudhi and Karanji
- Filing a PIL against Vikrant Tyres for burning high-sulphur fuel oil
- Shutting down a polluting unit processing old lead batteries
- Preventing environmentally destructive proposals on Chamundi Hill, including ropeway projects, road widening and canopies over steps.
- Ensuring NH-212 was diverted to the Ring Road instead of cutting through the city
- Opposing proposed Chamalapur Coal Power Plant

Yet, not all battles were fully won

Large-scale building code violations continue unabated. The promise of 24×7 water supply remains unfulfilled. Revenue reforms at Vani Vilas Water Works have not materialised despite expert inputs.

Encroachment of footpaths continues unchecked. Even after PILs and protests, vandalisation of the Chamundi Hill ecosystem has taken place.

Beyond victories and setbacks, MGP's most enduring achievement has been creating a credible platform for retired professionals, subject experts and concerned citizens to contribute meaningfully.

The involvement of individuals such as late Prof. Ramalingam (water quality), Maj. Gen. Sudhir G. Vombatkere and geologist Rangaraju (heritage conservation), V. Mahesh (groundwater), C.V. Nagaraj (food adulteration), H.R. Bapu Satyanarayan (road construction) and Prof. U.N. Ravi Kumar (lakes) proves the power of collective expertise.

Today, Mysuru stands at a **critical tipping point.** If citizens remain passive, the city will inevitably follow the trajectory of Bengaluru, overbuilt, overburdened and increasingly unliveable.

What was once a paradise for retirees and families will become yet another stressed urban centre. The choice before us is clear.

Either we participate actively in strengthening NGOs and civic movements, or we surrender Mysuru's future to apathy and short-term interests.

Preserving Mysuru's old charm is no longer the responsibility of a few — **it is the duty of all who benefit from living here.**

MGP invites citizens to enrol as members

The MGP, which is planning to expand its social activities to involve more citizens, has invited young, talented and committed citizens to join this voluntary movement to serve the society with their valuable time as per their convenience.

Interested citizens may join hands by enrolling themselves as members of MGP. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515150 or e-mail: *mygrapa@gmail.com*

NOTE: *MGP will conduct elections on Sunday (Jan. 11) to form a new Executive Committee at the MGP Office in Yadavagiri, Mysuru.*

Streetlights Off, Darkness On

Dark stretch of T. Narasipur Road poses risk to motorists, pedestrians

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (PM&KS)- Though electric poles fitted with streetlights line the stretch of T. Narasipur Road (National Highway) passing through Lalitha Mahal Nagar and Giridarshini Layout, the area remains in complete darkness as the lights are not being switched on, causing serious problems for motorists and pedestrians.

This busy road, which serves as a vital link to T. Narasipur, Kollegal, Male Mahadeshwara Hills, Chamarajanagar, Yalandur and the neighbouring State of Tamil Nadu, is used by thousands of commuters every day.

However, the stretch near Lalitha Mahal Nagar and Giridarshini Layout remains poorly lit, leading to inconvenience and safety concerns.

Residents of the two localities, many of whom work night shifts at private factories and companies, said that commuting to and from work has become difficult and risky due to the darkness. They alleged that despite the installation of streetlights along this stretch, the lights have not been switched on, plunging the area into darkness.

A stretch of T. Narasipur Road (National Highway) during day time.

They further pointed out that the road is narrow and has several dangerous curves. Adding to the risk, dry and weak branches of roadside trees have not been pruned, posing a potential hazard to road users.

Claiming that several accidents have occurred due to poor visibility, with riders sustaining serious injuries and a few even losing their lives, the residents alleged that the authorities have turned a blind eye to the issue. Questioning the inaction, they asked whether the authorities were waiting for more fatal accidents before taking corrective measures.

The residents warned that they would stage a massive protest in front of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) office and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) office if the problem is not addressed immediately.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Cultural significance of the buffalo

Buffaloes are found in ponds, rivers, marshes and wetlands meant for rice cultivation. Cows, on the other hand, prefer drier jungle areas. India has both dry jungles and wet river basins. Dry areas are meant for wheat and millet cultivation, while wet areas are for rice cultivation. Cows and bulls thus represent two different ecosystems of India. Nomads move around with cows, while farmers are linked to buffaloes, who do not enjoy moving away from their watery habitat.

Bulls are castrated and used as bullocks for pulling carts and for tilling hard soil. Male buffaloes do not need to be castrated. They can be controlled by nose rings. Some buffaloes can also be used as pack animals and used to till flooded rice fields. While most Indians focus on cows, we often overlook how important buffaloes are to India's economic ecosystem and how they play a key role in rituals, art and culture.

Buffaloes are depicted on Harappan seals, indicating they were domesticated and were part of the Harappan civilisation over 4,500 years ago. This was the river buffalo, whose milk was curdled and churned into butter that was made into ghee. Buffaloes were also used for meat (even today India is a major exporter of buffalo meat) and their bones were used for making tools. The buffalo is found on the famous Pashupati

seal facing the hermit who wears buffalo-horns on his head. Buffalo horns are also found on other seals, indicating power and virility.

Buffalo in Jain and Hindu mythology

Around 3,500 years ago, in the Rig Veda (4.18.13), the mighty Indra, energised by the Soma drink, is equated with a wild buffalo. About 2,000 years ago, in Tamil Sangam poetry, Kuruntokai 65, the buffalo in a lotus pond is equated with an uncouth man who doesn't appreciate the refined girl he is about to marry. This indicates how integral the buffalo was to India's cultural imagination, from North to South India.

The Mahisha Jataka, illustrated on the walls of Ajanta, speaks of a gentle buffalo who tolerates the mischief of a monkey. He refuses to punish the monkey for his irritating and incorrigible behaviour, even though he is advised to do so by the tree spirit or yaksha. One day, the gentle buffalo is away and his place is taken by another buffalo. The monkey, without realising it is another buffalo, plays the same tricks and is trampled to death.

In Jain mythology, the buffalo is the emblem of the 12th Tirthankara Vasupujya. The Jain Yakshi Jwalamalini is shown riding a buffalo. As per one story, the Yakshi was a devout Jain in her previous life, who fed Jain monks, but her husband treated her badly.

So she was reborn as a Yakshi and she rides a buffalo who was her husband reborn. The buffalo plays a very important role in Hindu mythology. It is the vahana (vehicle) of Yamraj, the god of death. The buffalo is also popular as the demon Mahisha who is slain by the many-armed goddess Durga. The oldest image of this goddess killing the demon was found in Rajasthan and dated to 100 BC. Many terracotta images from the Kushan age show the goddess killing the buffalo with her bare hands.

Later, the image gets more elaborate. The goddess is shown riding her lion and killing the buffalo by pinning him down with her feet.

Such images are found in the Gupta, Chalukya and Pallava temples. Now they are part of the Navaratri celebrations held every autumn across India.

Buffalo sacrifice in folk festivals

In folk festivals across Deccan, a young male buffalo (reda) is offered to the goddess as a sacrifice. The offering of buffalo to the goddess is also meant to make her happy so that the children are safe from tiger attacks.

When one buffalo is sacrificed, its leg is put in its mouth and presented to the goddess. This practice is found in Nepal, too. At the same time, a new male calf is chosen and fattened up the whole year to be offered to the goddess the following year. Such rituals ensure the fertility of the earth: with new life replacing old life.

In Kerala, the local god Ayyappa, son of Hara (Shiva) and Hari (Vishnu), defeats Mahishi, the sister of Mahisa. In Maharashtra, there is worship of Mhaso-ba the buffalo-god, husband of the village goddess. It seems that while the buffalo suitor of the goddess is killed, she chooses the bull-riding Shiva as her husband.

Many folk goddesses of the Deccan region have young male priests called Potraj or the buffalo king, who lead processions in honour of the goddess. The Potraj is dressed like a fierce man with whips and found in processions such as Bonalu, celebrated in the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh. This figure is sometimes identified as the son of Kali and sometimes as her husband, while he calls himself her servant.

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'Mari Veerappan' trapped in train

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Robbery and murder accused

He is also wanted in a high-profile robbery case in which he and his associates allegedly intercepted a car, assaulted its occupants and robbed Rs. 2.5 crore near Bogadi during the last Assembly elections. The case was registered at the Vijayanagar Police Station in Mysuru.

In addition, 'Shikari' Govinda is wanted in two murder cases in Bengaluru, while another case is pending at Hanur Police Station in Chamarajanagar district, where he is accused of possessing an illegal firearm.

Repeatedly evaded arrest

Though he was arrested multiple times by the Police, Govinda repeatedly evaded the Forest Department by securing bail and going underground.

As a result, he had never been formally arrested by Forest officials in wildlife crime cases.

The team of Forest Officers involved in last night's arrest of 'Shikari' Govinda, infamous as 'Mari Veerappan'.

He was infamous for personally carrying firearms to hunt wild animals, while his network facilitated the illegal wildlife trade.

Yesterday (Jan. 7), a hearing in the Rs. 2.5 crore Bogadi car robbery case was scheduled at the Court Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard. Acting on intelligence that Govinda would attend the hearing, four Forest Department personnel from the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary travelled to Mysuru to arrest him immediately after the proceedings.

40 staff in operation

Anticipating another escape attempt by the fugitive, the MM Hills staff alerted the Mysuru Forest Division, Leopard Task Force (LTF), Mobile Squad and other units. Over 40 personnel in plain clothes were strategically positioned in and around the Court Complex.

As arrests are prohibited inside the Court premises without the presiding Judge's permission, the sleuths waited outside. Sensing imminent arrest, Govinda avoided stepping out after the hearing and hid somewhere within the vast Court campus.

When he did not emerge even after dusk, officials maintained discreet surveillance. After Court gates were shut at around 7.30 pm, Govinda reportedly slipped out from behind a green bush and headed towards Chamarajapuram Railway Station to catch the 8 pm Mysuru-Chamarajanagar passenger train. Forest personnel spotted him walking cautiously towards Station. Realising he was being followed, Govinda briefly vanished, but another team already positioned at Railway Station was alerted.

Jumps out of train

The Chamarajanagar-bound train halts at Chamarajapuram for barely a minute. Govinda managed to board the train just as it began to move. In a tense chase, Forest personnel boarded the moving train and informed the loco pilot that a notorious criminal was on board and that the train had to be stopped immediately. As the train slowed and halted, sleuths searched each bogie. Govinda jumped off the train and attempted to hide in a bush near the railway tracks, but was swiftly tracked and pinned down by Forest personnel who never lost sight of him.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Bhaskar monitored the operation in real time. The mission was led by Assistant Conservators of Forests Rudresh (holding DCF charge) and Viraj Hosur of MM Hills, with Range Forest Officers (RFOs) Nagaraju, Sachin, Surendra and Jitendra, along with staff from the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary and Leopard Task Force.

ACF Viraj said that the team operated under extreme conditions without food, water or rest, overcoming multiple unforeseen challenges to arrest the long-absconding accused.

I want... I too want... I also want...

Chamaraja BJP ticket drama heats up

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (BCT)- Even as the war of words intensifies between former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha and former Chamaraja MLA and City BJP President L. Nagendra over contesting from the Chamaraja Constituency in the 2028 Assembly elections, a third aspirant has entered the fray.

In just a matter of four days, there have been three claimants for the BJP ticket in Chamaraja Constituency. The latest is Neurologist Dr. Shushrutha Gowda.

It will be interesting to see how this internal race unfolds, as all three aspirants begin staking their claim for an election that is still two-and-a-half years away.

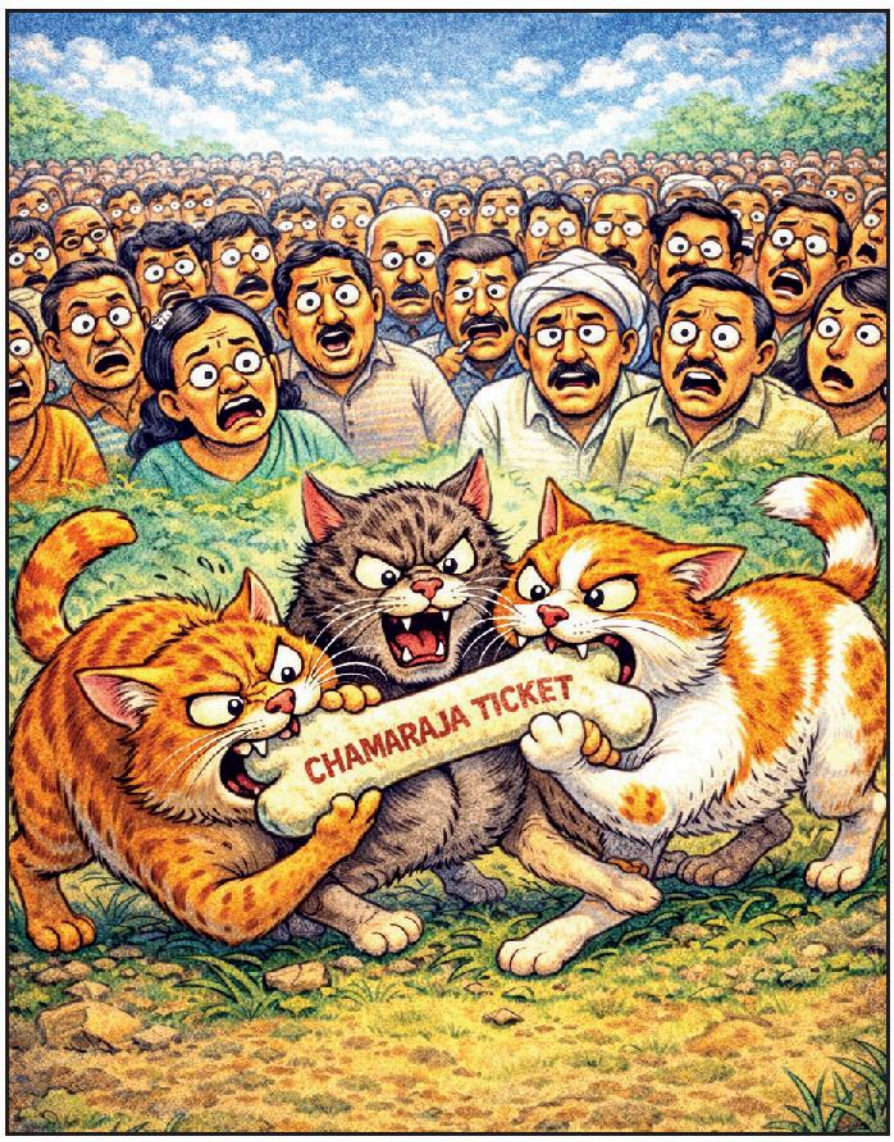
Speaking to reporters in Mysuru yesterday, Dr. Shushrutha Gowda said he was a strong contender for the Chamaraja seat and remained fully aligned with the BJP leadership, irrespective of local political developments.

"I am working for the people of Chamaraja and responding to their aspirations. I am confident that the BJP High Command will choose me. I am bound by its decisions," he said, adding that the party has, in the past, given opportunities to professionals like him.

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda said he has been serving in medical field and now wishes to make a mark in politics, while stressing the need for unity and organisational discipline as the BJP prepares for 2028 elections to defeat the Congress.

Simha to shift house, office

Meanwhile, Prathap Simha three days ago expressed his intention to contest from Chamaraja. He even said that he is shifting both his residence and office to the heart of the Constituency. "My focus



is now on State politics. I am ready to move from national-level responsibilities to local representation," he said.

Simha said his entry into State politics was driven by a commitment to the people of Chamaraja. "This is not a casual seat. Chamaraja needs a consistent representative like late H.S. Shankarlinge Gowda, who served five terms — not someone who appears once in a few years," he said, adding that the Constituency deserves a visible and responsive legislator.

On ticket allocation, Simha said the decision should go to "one who has a heart for the people."

Nagendra on Court stay

The very next day after Prathap Simha expressed his intention to contest from Chamaraja, former MLA from Chamaraja L. Nagendra reacted.

Nagendra said the ticket decision lies solely with the BJP High Command. "Prathap Simha should have been aware of this. I don't know why he made such a statement. I have been working for the party's organisation and there are no allegations against me. I have not brought any stay order from the Court to play politics," he clarified.

"Our senior leaders observe everything. I lost by a narrow margin and I helped the party secure victories in four Constituencies," Nagendra said.

"Last Lok Sabha election time, we gave Yaduveer Wadiyar a 56,500-vote lead in Chamaraja Constituency. Prathap Simha claims to be a Hindu tiger and has grown into a State leader. So let him contest from elsewhere. He's from another town. I'm a local and from Chamaraja. I cannot go elsewhere. My fight will remain rooted in my home Constituency," said Nagendra, asserting his claim for ticket again.

As the race heats up to get a ticket for this Constituency, a few more aspirants may emerge. It is also said that the BJP might spring a surprise candidate if BJP and JD(S) decide to fight the election as coalition partners.

Chamaraja Assembly Constituency, a BJP bastion, is now represented by Congress MLA K. Harishgowda. He won against Nagendra in May 2023 Assembly elections by a margin of 4,094 votes.

Survey ordered to clear KRS backwater encroachments

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Acting on this, Shivakumar instructed officials to conduct a detailed survey, remove encroachments, install boundary markers and submit a comprehensive report.

Accordingly, a Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner to oversee the exercise.

Officials noted that unauthorised constructions in the backwater zone are reducing the reservoir's storage capacity and increasing flood risks during the monsoon, posing a threat to public property and disturbing the ecological balance.

The survey will identify the precise location, extent and nature of encroachments. The Water Resources Department and the Land Records Department have been directed to work in coordination to clearly demarcate Government and private land boundaries, document illegal occupations and submit an accurate report.

Authorities said the exercise is essential to protect the KRS backwaters in the larger public interest.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Director of Land Records, Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner, Executive Engineers of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) and the Tahsildars of Srirangapatna, Pandavapura and K.R. Pet Taluks.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	03.45	06.25	Daily (Via MAQ,MYS)
16552	Mysuru	Chennai	05.10	07.50	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.40	08.35	Monday
20676 (17326)	Mysuru	Belagavi	07.00	09.55	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	06.00	07.40	ExceptWed-VandeBharat
66554	Ashokapuram	Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	08.00	10.10	Tue &Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.35	11.05	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.13	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05	12.05	Thu - Humsafar Express
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.40	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.40	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45	16.25	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	13.05	14.45	ExceptWed-VandeBharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.30	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.55	17.05	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.05	Except Thu
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.50	17.20	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.50	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	15.45	18.20	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.15	18.50	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	17.15	20.10	Daily
07034	Mysuru	Kakinada Town	17.20	20.55	Tue & Sat (TOD SPL)
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.50	21.40	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	20.30	23.40	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.40	23.05	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.15	22.50	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	20.40	00.05	Daily
06269	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.50	00.35	Daily
66580	Ashokapuram	SMVB Baiyyappanahalli	23.00	02.35	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	23.10	01.25	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.55	02.05	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	00.10	04.00	Daily
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.30	04.05	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Wednesday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	00.45	03.35	Friday
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.20	07.45	Thursday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.40	08.35	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	05.55	08.55	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.20	09.30	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	06.35	10.20	Daily
16536	Pandharpur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	08.05	11.45	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.25	11.15	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.15	12.25	Daily - MEMU Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05	12.20	ExceptWed-VandeBharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35	13.00	Except Thu
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30	14.00	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	12.50	16.00	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	12.15	15.00	Wed - Humsafar Exp
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.50	16.30	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger
07033	Kakinada Town	Mysuru	09.00	16.00	Mon & Fri (TOD SPL)
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	16.45	19.25	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.05	20.00	Thursday
20675 (17325)	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.50	20.35	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.10	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	18.40	21.30	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	21.55	Daily - MEMU Passenger
16551	Chennai	Mysuru	20.00	22.50	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Murdeshwar	20.25	23.20	Daily
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	21.30	23.30	Except Thu - Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	22.55	01.50	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	20.45	00.05	Fri & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.25	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.45 next day	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266	Mysuru	Arsikere	06.30	10.25	Daily Passenger
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.15	10.10 (Hassan)	Daily
06281	Mysuru	Arsikere	08.00	11.10	Sat
06282	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.10	18.30	Wed
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.40	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	14.00	23.00	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	22.00	Daily Passenger
56267	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily Passenger
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	17.30	21.15	Daily Passenger
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	19.30 (Fri)	18.45 (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	22.45	09.55	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	23.40	12.55	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	19.40	07.10	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.25	17.05	Daily
16207	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.55 (Hassan)	20.10	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.00 next day	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.50	15.30	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	14.50	22.30	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	02.20 (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	14.10	03.30	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.45	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.25 (MYS)	09.20	Daily Exp
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	08.00	10.10	Daily Passenger
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.50	13.30	Daily Passenger
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	15.40	17.20	Daily Passenger
56282	Tumakuru	Chamarajanagar	18.40	20.50	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud Town	09.15	10.00	Daily Passenger
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	04.40	06.30	Daily Passenger
56281	Chamarajanagar	Tumakuru	07.15	09.00	Daily Passenger
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40	12.30	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.50	17.05	Daily Passenger
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.30	19.30	Daily Passenger
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.45	23.40	Daily Passenger
56205	Nanjangud Town	Mysuru	10.25	11.15	Daily Passenger

Women's Premier League to kick-start tomorrow

Navi Mumbai, Jan. 8- The fourth edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will run from Jan. 9 to Feb. 5.

Navi Mumbai will host the first 11 games, from Jan. 9 to 17, while Baroda will host the other 11 including the eliminator and the final.

As with the first three editions, the WPL 2026 will also feature the usual five teams — Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bengaluru and UP Warriorz.

The WPL 2026 will be conducted in a double round-robin format featuring five teams. The league toppers will directly progress to the final, while the second and third-placed teams will contest in an Eliminator in the play-offs.

Mumbai Indians head into this year's tournament as the Defending Champions after they beat Delhi Capitals in last year's final to win their second WPL trophy.

Inaugural match will be between Mumbai Indians Vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru at D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai at 7.30 pm tomorrow.

Catch live actions on Star Sports Network and JioHotstar App & Website.

U-14 throwball champions

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The U-14 Boys Throwball team of Al-Kareem School, Rajivnagar, Mysuru, emerged as the champions in the Division-level Throwball Championship held at Bekanahalli in Chikkamagalur recently.

In the finals, the team emerged victorious against Udupi. Earlier, they had defeated Mandya and Dakshina Kannada teams in the semi-final and quarter-final respectively.

Team members include Mohammed Shuraim (Captain), Mohammed Zoyan (Vice-Captain), Arhan Khan, Mohammed Shahid, Nizamuddin, Samarth, Mohammed Arsalan, R. Sufiyan Khan, Porvaj Singh, Sumukh Gowda, Vishwas and Mahadeva.

The team is being coached by Mohammed Fazal Ansari of Al-Kareem School.

Inter-School Chess Tournament

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Mysore Chess Centre has organised Inter-School Chess Tournament 2026 on Jan. 18 at Silicon City International School, Mysuru.

The tournament aims to promote chess among school students and encourage logical thinking, concentration, decision-making and sportsmanship at an early age. The event will bring together talented young chess players from various schools across Mysuru and surrounding regions. The competition will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the Karnataka State Chess Association (KSCA) and will be organised as a KSCA-recognised event, ensuring fair play and professional standards.

Tournament Categories — Category A: Students from 1st to 4th Grade; **Category B:** Students from 5th to 7th; **Category C:** Students from 8th to 10th Grade. Attractive trophies will be awarded to top 15 players in each category, recognising excellence and encouraging young talent. Contact M. Nagendra (Mob: 81238-19220) or T. Abhilash (63613-93935).

Christ Mysuru Marathon on Feb. 1

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (MTY&BS)- Under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, Christ College, Srirampura in the city, has organised Christ Mysuru Marathon on Feb. 1 at 5.30 am.

Speaking to media persons at Patrakarthara Bhavana recently, Coordinator Robin Sharathkumar said the marathon is being organised to create awareness among youths against substance abuse. The participants aged above 15 years can take part in the marathon, organised separately for women and men for 10.5 km and 5 km respectively.

First prize winners will get Rs. 10,000 cash prize, second prize- Rs. 5,000 and third and fourth prizes - Rs. 3,000 each, along with medal and certificate.

The marathon will be flagged off from Christ College campus and pass through Vivekananda Circle, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle, Outer Ring Road junction, Dattagalli, H.D. Kote Road, before culminating at College campus.

For details, those interested may contact Mob: 77954-18898.

Lake made likeable...

Parasanayakana Kere restored back to life; a CREDIT-I initiative under CSR funds of Asian Paints

Parasanayakana Kere on Uttanahalli Road which was filled with waste, garbage. Picture right shows the lake given a new lease of life by CREDIT-I.

Dr. Varsha

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (VVH&BS) - A lake area replete with waste has got a new lease of life, hoping to spring as a new tourist attraction.

Parasanayakana Kere (lake), located on Uttanahalli Road at the foot of Chamundi Hill, sports a new look, attracting winged species and the locals alike. With Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), Bandipalya nearby, the water body had almost covered with waste generated from the market, along with that of the households in nearby residential areas.

Stray pigs were found feeding on the waste here, making the water body their habitat. Whenever it rained, the rotten wastes were producing stench, forcing the passersby to close their nostrils.

Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat

The authorities of Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat, under the jurisdiction of which the lake is situated, woke up to the situation and contacted Centre For Rural Education Development & Innovation Technology Of India (CREDIT-I), to revive the lake to its glory. CREDIT-I, led by its Managing Trustee Dr. M.P. Varsha, took the initiative and as anticipated, completed the works on rejuvenating the lake, within one year. The works were launched on Dec. 9, 2024 and completed on Sept. 10, 2025.

Up in water level

During the restoration works, the silt deposited in the lake was removed, increasing the depth of water. As a result, the water level has gone up. The vegetation around, especially trees, presents a look of a bird sanctuary.

Nature of works

Dr. Varsha told *Star of Mysore* that utilising the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of Asian Paints Pvt. Ltd, CREDIT-I took up the lake restoration works. The lake area is spread over 15.20 acres, from which about 2,500 loads of waste were removed. The silt up to 45,336 loads of tractor were removed and sold at the rate of Rs. 30 per load to the farmers. The silt acts as manure, when it is mixed with fertile soil, leading to better crop yield.

Interestingly, the retaining wall around the lake has been built reusing the waste deposited in the water. Steps have been taken to restrain unruly people from disposing waste here further.

By 2030...

"We are involved in restoration of over 140 lakes in Mysuru and Nanjangud, with the sole aim of helping farmers, by increasing the underground water table, conserve ecology and improve water storage capacity. We hope to bring back to life all lakes in Mysuru by 2030," assured Dr. Varsha.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar pays surprise visit to Taluk Office

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (BLU&DM)- Amid a flurry of complaints on rampant corruption and deficiency in delivery of services, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar paid a surprise visit to the Taluk Office in Nazarbad here this noon.

During his surprise visit, the MP took the officials and staff to task for laxity in issuance of income and caste certificates, widow pension etc. Warning them against seeking bribes from the public for issuance of certificates and delivery of services and against indulging in any irregularities or frauds, he said that officials should not show laxity or apathy in doing the work of the people. The MP asked them to strictly follow the stipulated time frame for issuance of certificates and other public works.

Later speaking to pressperson, Yaduveer said he has directed the Taluk Office staff to be people-friendly and not be arrogant or audacious when dealing with the public. Maintaining that official apathy can be chiefly attributed to the delay in the conduct of local body polls, he charged the State Government of delaying the long due City Corporation elections under the pretext of forming Greater Mysuru Authority.

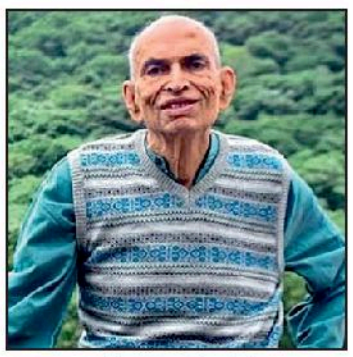
On Chamaraja ticket

Commenting on the tussle over the BJP party ticket for Chamaraja Assembly segment, Yaduveer said the Party High Command will give the ticket to the most eligible leader and as such one cannot say right now on who will get the party ticket. He further said everyone has the right to air their opinions.

Violence, Law&Order

Alleging that drug peddling, wheeling, illegal gas filling and such other illegal activities are going on unabatedly in N.R. Assembly segment, Yaduveer, citing Ballari violence, said that law and order had broken down in the State and the Police were at the receiving end, with miscreants attacking them in various parts of the State.

Champion of Western Ghats Madhav Gadgil passes away



Madhav Gadgil

Pune, Jan. 8 (Agencies)- Renowned ecologist Madhav Gadgil (82) passed away at his residence here last night after a brief illness.

Madhav Gadgil was known for his work on the ecological significance of the Western Ghats, as the head of Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP), known as the Gadgil Commission. His report included recommendations for strict restrictions regarding areas categorised as highly sensitive. It had recommended that no new roads or building construction be allowed, no development on steep slopes and a ban on quarrying, among others.

In 2024, the United Nations (UN) had recognised him with the annual Champions of the Earth Award, the UN's highest environmental honour, for his seminal work in the Western Ghats.

He was awarded the *Padma Shri* in 1981 and the *Padma Bhushan* in 2006. He was a former member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India.

In his condolence message, Karnataka Minister for Forest and Environment Eshwar Khandre, said that he was deeply saddened to hear the news of the demise of Gadgil.

No power supply on Jan.10

Mysuru, Jan. 8- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up reconductoring works, there will be disruption in power supply on Jan. 10 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Varuna, Dandikere, Pillahalli, BTA Enclave, Mosambayyanahalli and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

WORD OF THE DAY

Febrile

Pronunciation: FEB-ryle (adjective).
Meaning: Febrile is a medical term meaning "marked or caused by fever; feverish."
Origin: The English language has had the word fever for as long as the language has existed (that is, about a thousand years); the related adjective feverish has been around since the 14th century. But that didn't stop the 17th-century medical reformer Noah Biggs from admonishing physicians to care for their "febrile patients" properly. Biggs apparently thought his medical writing required a word that clearly nodded to a Latin heritage, and called upon the Latin adjective febrilis, from febris, meaning "fever." It's a tradition that English has long kept: look to Latin for words that sound technical or elevated. But fever too comes from febris. It first appeared (albeit with a different spelling) in an Old English translation of a book about the medicinal qualities of various plants. By Biggs's time it had shed all obvious hallmarks of its Latin ancestry. Febrile, meanwhile, continues to be used in medicine in a variety of ways, including in references to such things as "febrile seizures" and "the febrile phase" of an illness.
Example: "Peppered with exclamation marks, breathless and febrile, this is an utterly mesmeric account of how one man's crimes can affect an entire community." — Laura Wilson, The Guardian (London), 20 June 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Ferronière

Jewel held on the forehead by a chain.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Far cry from

Meaning: It means that something turned out very different from the anticipated outcome or result.
Origin: This phrase is not to be confused with the Xbox 360 'far cry' game! The phrase 'Far cry from' has been known since the early 1800s. It originates from the literal idea of a distance too great for a shout or cry to carry, meaning "too far to hear," evolving by the 19th century to signify something very different from or a vast contrast to something else, often with disappointment, linked to Scottish clan communication where a cry signaled distance to their ancestral lands. It came about around the early-mid 1800s in Scotland and was used to reference criers or messengers that clansmen would send across the countryside to deliver messages to other clans.
Example: "What the president had achieved during his presidency was a far cry from what he had promised during his run for election."

QUOTE BOX

People cry, not because they're weak. It's because they've been strong for too long.—**Johnny Depp**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

RIP Shred Shred

Answer: Rip to shreds.

SUDOKU

		1	6		9	8		
2		5				6		7
4								3
		7	3	6	1	4		
		3	5	8	4	1		
6								1
7		9				3		5
		4	1		6	9		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	5	7	3	9	4	6	1
3	9	6	2	4	1	7	5	8
1	4	7	5	8	6	3	2	9
8	7	1	3	2	4	6	9	5
9	5	4	6	1	7	8	3	2
6	2	3	8	9	5	1	4	7
4	6	9	1	5	8	2	7	3
5	1	2	4	7	3	9	8	6
7	3	8	9	6	2	5	1	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Weapon in a silo, for short
5 Two pages in a book
9 ___ Mineo : New York born actor?
12 Person from Phuket
13 Showy flower or its plant
14 Little devil
15 Commits a faux pas or does something wicked
16 Branch of mathematics
18 Applaud
20 The French for 'island'
21 Another name for the newt
22 Brief sleep
25 Puff up
28 Mate
29 Letter before psi
30 Beach gravel
31 Large cask for wine
32 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
33 Ambulance person: abbr.
34 Mass
35 Actress Streep
36 Round body
38 Anatomical pouch
39 Equal opportunity employer abbr
40 Everlasting
44 Keep intact
47 Effortless
48 Fireplace shelf
49 Of thou
50 Fencing sword
51 Drop bait lightly
52 Be ___ on : be enthusiastic about ?
53 Baltic for one. Caspian for another

DOWN

1 "__ _ Wonderful Life" (3,1)
2 Stylish
3 French bench
4 Deceive
5 Legal or valid
6 School test
7 Suffer
8 Of the countenance
9 Sound reduction device
10 Asian river __ Darya
11 Vinyl
17 Ultimo, in short
19 Nautical direction
22 Is able
23 Nautical cry
24 Tablet
25 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
26 Light giver
27 In decline (2,3,3)
28 Bar
31 Digit of foot
32 Edicts
34 Addresses or welcomes
35 __ West : life-jacket ?
37 Greek goddess of dawn
38 Horse
40 Daredevil Knievel
41 The back of the neck
42 Between two ports
43 Alkaline solutions
44 Advanced degree abbr
45 French king
46 Greek letter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	I	S	■	M	O	B	■	S	M	U	T
V	I	R	T	U	O	S	O	■	T	A	R	E
O	V	E	R	■	M	I	G	R	A	I	N	E
W	A	D	E	D	■	E	S	P	Y	■	■	■
■	■	■	A	D	A	R	■	G	U	S	T	Y
■	W	O	M	A	N	■	A	■	P	I	S	A
D	I	M	■	Y	U	M	M	Y	■	R	A	P
U	L	N	A	■	P	■	P	A	P	E	R	■
D	E	I	S	M	■	A	S	R	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	S	M	U	G	■	N	Y	M	P	H
S	U	P	E	R	M	A	N	■	C	U	R	E
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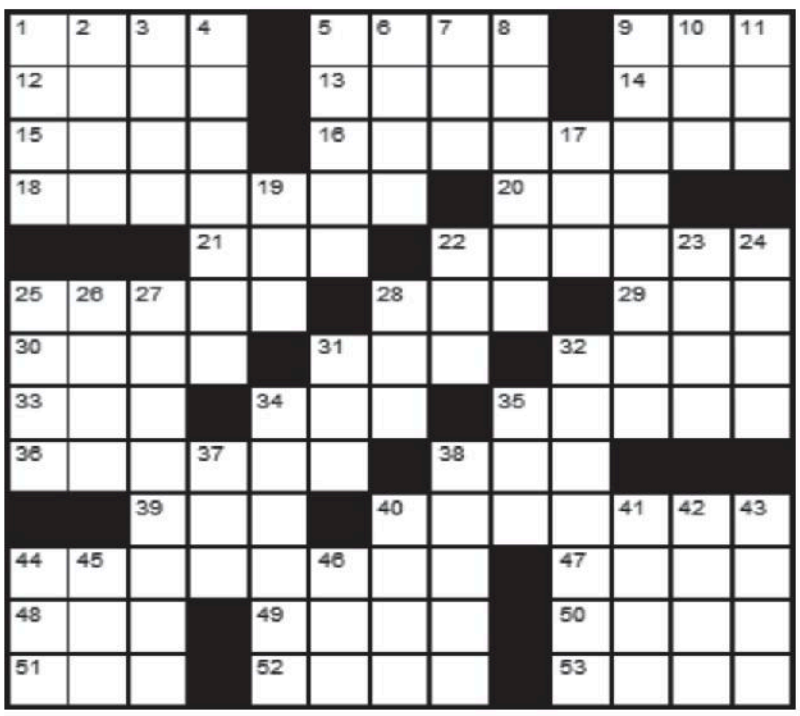

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QPF LCXNFI QPF G-IYA QYTXF, QPF SCIF CV

ACZI TCNA DM IFJZDIFN CE DQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you believe everything you read, better not read.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Mark (K) - 5 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Mark (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  45 (K) - 3 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Maadeva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Dhurandhar (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

45 (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm
		7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 6.05 pm
		10.10 pm
The Spongebob Movie (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.15 pm
		2.25 pm
Mark (K)	:	10.10 am, 1 pm
		4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	2.10 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	4.15 pm
Azad Bharath (H)	:	4.35 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	7.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Mark (K)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
The Ice (K)	:	10.30 am
Ikkis (H)	:	10.40 am, 3.50 pm
The Devil (K)	:	12.30 pm
45 (K)	:	1.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	1.30 pm, 5.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4.15 pm, 9 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	9.30 am, 3.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.10 pm, 9.40 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.35 am, 1.50 pm
		6.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
45 (K)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	10.45 am, 7.25 pm
The Spongebob Movie (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.40 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	1.50 pm
Jujutsu Kaisen (Japanese)	:	4.55 pm
The Devil (K)	:	6.15 pm
The Housemaid (E)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

45 (K)	:	9 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	9.05 am, 2.40 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 4 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.25 am, 3.10 pm, 5.45 pm, 10 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	12.05 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
The Devil (K)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 8)

- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, devotional songs by playback singer Dr. Shamitha Malnad, Bengaluru, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji talks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 9)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha:** Desi Oil Mela, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **10 am to 9 pm.**
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- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, harmonium recital by Vid. A.V. Vishwanath, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore North and Kadamba Rangavedike:** Conferring of 'Rotary Kadamba Ranga Award-2026' on renowned Mysuru artistes Srimathi Hariprasad, Subbanarasimha, Krishna Janamana and Dinesh Chammalige; Progressive thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara will present the awards, senior theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma chief guest, Kadamba Rangavedike President Rtn. Dr. Rajashekar Kadamba will be present, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. M. Chandrashekar presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Music concert in memory of Belatturu Lakshamma and Tippuru Narasimhachar, violin duet by **Vid. Sumanth Manjunath** and **Malavi Manjunath,** accompanied by **Vid. Arjunkumar** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith Gowda** on ghata, Veene Sheshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sumanth | Malavi | Arjunkumar | Shamith

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

45 (K)	:	9.40 am, 1 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.55 am, 2 pm
		6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	10 am, 4 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	12.35 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3.35 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 2.05 pm, 6.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Mark (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
45 (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	1.15 pm, 7.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Dheeram (Ma)	:	4.20 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

National Meet on Digital Era

Mysuru, Jan. 8- The Department of MBA, GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, is organising the National Conference on "Innovative Strategies for Sustainable Business Practices in the Digital Era" on Saturday (Jan. 10).

The conference, conducted under IQAC in association with NIPM and the Mysore CHRO Forum, will be inaugurated by chief guest Prof. Rishikesha T. Krishnan, Professor of Strategy, Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru, at 10 am in the seminar hall of the institute.

The conference aims to promote innovative and sustainable business practices, strengthen industry-academia interaction and encourage research in the digital business environment. The event will feature multiple track sessions covering key sub-themes such as Digital Transformation, Sustainable Entrepreneurship, HR Practices, Finance, Marketing and Analytics.

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, President, GSSS, Mysuru, will preside. Anupama B. Pandit, Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, CEO and Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, will be present on the occasion.

A large number of academicians, research scholars, students and industry professionals from across the country are expected to participate and present their research and professional insights.

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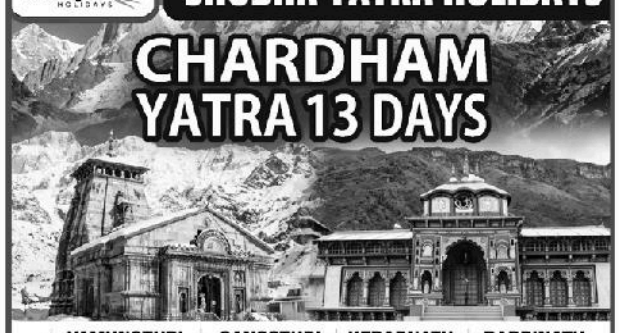
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Under instructions from and on behalf of my client, I hereby issue this Public Notice for the information of the General Public at large.

The immovable property more fully and particularly described in the **Schedule hereunder written** (hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property") is the absolute, **lawful, and exclusive property** of **Sri. D.S. Manjunath,** son of Late D.T.S. Rao, aged about 58 years, residing at No.1609, Adichunchanagiri Road, P & T Block, Kuvempunagara, Mysuru and **Smt. M. Chikammani,** wife of R. Mahadevu, aged about 60 years, residing at No. 2801/K5, 2nd Main Road, Chamundipuram, Mysuru. The said owners have derived valid title to the Schedule Property under lawful means and are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the same, with absolute right, title, interest and authority to alienate the said property.

The above-named owners have now proposed to sell and convey the Schedule Property in favour of my client for valid and valuable consideration. In view of the proposed transaction, this Public Notice is being issued to invite objections, if any, from the public.

Therefore, any person or persons, association, body, institution, or authority claiming any right, title, interest, or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, whether by way of sale, agreement of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, trust, easement, prescription, pre-emption, or under any decree, order, judgment, award, attachment, or proceedings of any Court, Tribunal, or Authority, or otherwise howsoever, are hereby called upon to submit their claims or objections in writing, together with supporting documentary evidence.

Such claims or objections, if any, shall be addressed to the undersigned Advocate, having office at **No.1037, CH5/1, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru - 570005,** within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice (both days inclusive).

In the event of failure to submit such claims or objections within the stipulated period, it shall be conclusively presumed that there are no subsisting claims over the Schedule Property, and any such claims shall be deemed to have been waived, abandoned, and extinguished. Thereafter, my client shall proceed with the proposed transaction without any further reference, and any claim raised subsequently shall not be entertained and shall be at the sole risk and consequences of the claimant.

SCHEDULE

All that Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing survey number 88 (New survey number 88/2) situated at Hosa Hundi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk and District measuring 1 Acre and 15.08 Guntas and additional 03 guntas of A-Kharab land, Total an Extent of 1 Acre and 18.08 guntas bounded by: East: Private Property; West: Property belonging to Beeregowda; North: Road; South: Private Property.

Place: Mysuru,
Date: 06.01.2026

Sd/- Srinidhi P., Advocate and Law Consultant,
Office at No.1037, CH 5/1, Devaparthiva Road,
Chamarajapuram, Mysore 570005 **Mob: 94825-84824**

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Prof. M. H. Dhananjaya
Former Principal, SJCE, Technical Director,
Technical Consultant, JSS Mahavidyapeeta
08-01-2024

Your presence we miss, your memories
we treasure, your moral values we follow,
Your principles and vision makes us proud
and in our hearts you live forever.

S. RAGHAVENDRA
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